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Local Self-Government

Postponement of the date of elections to the District Boards of Guntur and Ongole.

* 676 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the new general elections for the Guntur and Ongole District Boards have been postponed from a date which was originally thought of for the purpose;

(*b*) if so, what the reasons therefor are and whether a copy of the order passed in the matter will be placed on the table;

(*c*) when the elections for these two district boards are to be commenced and completed;

(*d*) when the life of the present District Boards of Guntur and Ongole is to expire; and

(*e*) whether orders have been passed in these matters, and, if so, whether copies of them will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*d*) & (*e*) Attention is invited to the notification on the subject published on page 609 of Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 24th December 1935.

(*c*) The elections will be commenced in January 1936 and completed by 10th February 1936.

Fixation of the strength of the ministerial staff of district boards and orders, if any, governing promotions.

* 677 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have fixed the number of ministerial staff of each district board; and if so, what it is;

(*b*) the qualifications prescribed for holding the post of Secretary, Superintendents and Manager of the district board offices;

(*c*) whether there is any Government Order authorizing the Presidents of district boards to select persons from among the clerks serving in lower and upper divisions for the post of Secretary, Superintendents and Manager of the district board offices; and

(*d*) if so, whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 657.

(*b*) The qualifications prescribed for the posts referred to are contained in the rule issued with Notification No. 1523, published on page 562 of Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 3rd December 1935.